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**RHÔNE-POULENC INC.**  
**ORGANIC CHEMICALS DIVISION**

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June 24, 1988

Mr. K. Boyd Knechtel  
Acting Air Pollution Control Officer  
Puget Sound Air Pollution Control Agency  
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Seattle, WA 98119-3958

Dear Mr. Knechtel:

At the request of Mr. Harry Twomey of your agency, I am sending a statement of Rhone-Poulenc's involvement in the activities leading to issuance of the Notice of Violation #025166 on May 12, 1988. Copies of the Notice of Violation and PSAPCA's cover letter were sent to me by Mr. Kenneth J. Rone, Terminal Manager at Ash Grove Cement West, Inc., along with a copy of his May 16, 1988, letter to you.

- Rhone-Poulenc purchased the 30,000-gallon tank from Ash Grove on March 11, 1988.
- Rhone-Poulenc was granted permission by Mr. Rone to sandblast and paint the tank in place prior to relocation. The decision to do this work at Ash Grove's site was made in order that the cement dust coating the tank be kept at the same location in which it originated, and in order to avoid transporting a vessel with material coating its outside surfaces which could come off and create a mess.
- Arrangements for work on the tank at Ash Grove and its relocation were made with Flohr Metal Fabricators, Inc. by Rhone-Poulenc. Flohr then subcontracted the sandblasting and painting portion of the work to WACO, Inc.
- Scheduling of this work was discussed between the Rhone-Poulenc project engineer and Mr. Rone. Mr. Rone agreed that there would be no need to notify Ash Grove again prior to the actual performance of the work.

If you have any questions, please give me a call at 764-4474.

Sincerely,

*Sue E. Hays*

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Governmental Affairs Supt.



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cc: Mr. Kenneth J. Rone  
Mr. Robert Taylor (Flohr Metal Fabricators, Inc.)  
Mr. Mike Studley (WACO, Inc.)